

Amendment No. 1 to SB1825

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1825

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

56-7-2369.

No health insurance issuer and no managed health insurance issuer which participates in the medical assistance program under title 71, chapter 5, may:

(1) Deny any dentist who is board certified in pediatric dentistry and licensed in good standing with the board of dentistry in this state the right to participate as a participating provider in any policy, contract or plan on the same terms and conditions as are offered to any other provider of pediatric dentistry services under the medical assistance program; provided, that nothing in this subdivision (1) shall prohibit a managed health insurance issuer or health insurance issuer from establishing rates or fees that may be higher in non-urban areas, or in specific instances where a managed health insurance issuer or health insurance issuer determines it necessary to contract with a particular provider in order to meet network adequacy standards or patient care needs; or

(2) Prevent any person who is an enrollee in the medical assistance program from selecting a dentist, who is board certified in

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pediatric dentistry and licensed in good standing with the board of dentistry, of the person's choice to furnish the dental services offered under the medical assistance program; provided, that the dentist is a participating provider under the same terms and conditions of the contract as those offered any other provider of dental services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.